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Credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Denis **Dangue Réwaka** (Gabon)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 6 June 2001, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its twenty-fifth special session having the same composition as that of the Credentials Committee at the fifty-fifth regular session, namely: Bahamas, China, Ecuador, Gabon, Ireland, Mauritius, Russian Federation, Thailand and the United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 6 June 2001.

3. Denis Dangue Réwaka (Gabon) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 5 June 2001 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs made a statement relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General, in which, inter alia, he updated the memorandum, indicating those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth special session, in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 50 Member States: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Fiji, France, Gabon, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mexico, Myanmar, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

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6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of Member States to the twenty-fifth special session had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 75 Member States: Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, the following 54 Member States participating in the twenty-fifth special session had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General information regarding their representatives to the session, but had previously empowered their permanent representatives to represent their respective States in all organs of the United Nations without limitation as to session: Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, El Salvador, Finland, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Portugal, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Seychelles, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Togo, Tonga, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Vanuatu and Zimbabwe.

8. Ten Member States had not yet communicated to the Secretary-General any information regarding their representatives to the twenty-fifth special session: Equatorial Guinea, Kiribati, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Palau, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Somalia and Tuvalu.

9. The Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all Member States mentioned in the Secretary-General's memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

10. Having considered the question of the credentials of Afghanistan, the Committee decided to take the same position as was taken at the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly.

11. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted the following draft resolution:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 5 June 2001,

"*Accepts*, subject to the decision contained in paragraph 10 of the present report, the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

12. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

13. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 15). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

14. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

15. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.